

Surface Water Management Fund
Fund Description, Significant Issues and Revenue & Expenditures Assumptions

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The Surface Water Management Fund supports maintenance and improvements to the City's storm drainage system. Revenue comes from fees collected from residential and commercial property owners through the County's property tax collection system.

Significant Issues:

The Surface Water Master Plan was approved earlier this year with some projects on the priority list planned for 2006. Further implementation of this plan must await approval of our regional partners of the Miller/Salmon Creek Basin Plan as many of the priority projects listed relate to regional issues.

The Miller/Salmon Creek Basin Plan is still in progress, with approval by all participants expected later this year.

Fund Balance for Capital Projects: The forecast reserves an ending fund balance each year equal to 50% of current year recurring revenues, in accord with financial management policies. After reserving this balance, the amount available for capital projects is estimated at \$707,500 in 2005 and \$560,000 in 2006. The estimated amount declines gradually to \$203,000 in 2011.

Revenue Assumptions

Storm Drainage Fees: Fee Revenue is estimated to increase by 20% in 2005. This is based on the new fee schedule adopted by the Council in late 2004. The forecast carries forward the 2005 estimate to each of the next six years.

Expenditure Assumptions

Inflationary Increases: The Fund's principal expenses are salaries and benefits and contractual payments to King County for system maintenance and improvements. The forecast increases salaries and contracts with King County at 6%, and everything else at 4.5%.



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